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Title:

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10/041,721

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Art Unit:

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Attention: **BOX MISSING PARTS**  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS  
OF NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on February 11, 2002, in the above-identified application, transmitted herewith are the missing parts needed to complete the filing of the subject patent application.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ [ X ] Return Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (2 pages).
- ☒ [ X ] Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- ☒ [ X ] Request to Approve Drawing Changes (8 total pages).

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Filed	Included in Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Fee				\$740.00	\$740.00
Total Claims:	44	- 20	= 24	x \$18.00	= \$432.00
Independents:	5	- 3	= 2	x \$84.00	= \$168.00
If any Multiple Dependent Claim(s) present:				+ \$280.00	= \$0.00
Surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) for late filing of Executed Declaration and late payment of filing fee				+ \$130.00	= \$130.00
				SUBTOTAL:	= \$1470.00
[ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):					= \$0.00
				TOTAL FILING FEE:	= \$1,470.00
				TOTAL FEE	= \$1,470.00
Difference to pay:				\$0.00	- \$1,470.00

[ X ] Check in the amount of \$1,470.00 in payment of basic filing fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) (\$740.00), 24 total claims over 20 fee (\$432.00), 2 independent claims over 3 fee (\$168.00) and surcharge fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)) (\$130.00).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date APRIL 11, 2002

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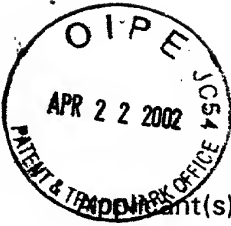
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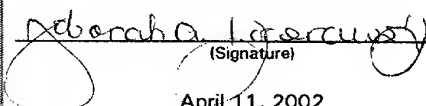
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ATTENTION: **DRAWING REVIEW BRANCH**  
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**REQUEST TO APPROVE DRAWING CHANGES**

The Applicants respectfully respond to the requirement to submit substitute drawings (6 sheets, Figures 1-13B) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 by submitting drawings that are in dark ink (not pencil).

The Applicants will submit new formal drawings upon allowance of the application. Approval of the substitute drawings is hereby respectfully requested.

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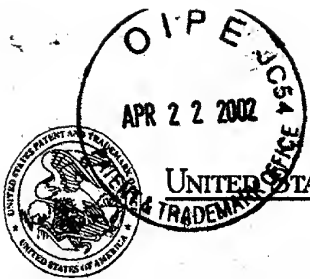
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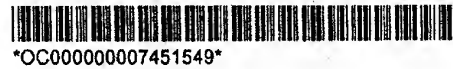
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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02 FC:105 130.00 DP  
03 FC:103 432.00 DP  
04 FC:102 168.00 DP

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$600.
  - \$432 for 24 total claims over 20.
  - \$168 for 2 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1470.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - Drawings must be in dark ink (not pencil), except where color drawings or photographs are permitted.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

  
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